



September 28, 2011

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

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Dear Governor Brown:

Mexican American Alcoholism Program, Inc. (dba MAAP, Inc.) has served the residents of Sacramento County since 1975. Our primary concern is for the safety of the public; for the communities, families, and individuals we serve throughout the Sacramento Metro Region. As a collegial member of the AOD provider community, we have been engaged in many conversations regarding the implementation of AB106 which pertains to the proposed realignment of State and County roles, the transfer of ADP functions, and the elimination of ADP. This realignment includes the licensure, certification, and monitoring of DUI programs.

Our DUI Program is 100% client-funded and we reimburse ADP all expenses for our licensure, certification, and monitoring. Ensuring the effectiveness of our DUI program and for that matter all of our AOD treatment and prevention programs is no small task and requires cooperation between many entities. I believe much of the success of our DUI program can be attributed to the strong relationships we have built with the three DUI programs operating in Sacramento County, ADP, California's Superior Courts, and DMV.

I am writing to encourage you to keep the DUI programs within the restructured ADP organization. However, if it is determined necessary to reassign the DUI programs, I ask that you consider transferring them to DMV. Such an alignment would encourage further working relationships between DUI programs and DMV which will enhance the success of our clients' ability to complete our program and to make better choices as they move forward.

Another transition option we have heard about is to transfer ADP-related programs to individual counties. We are not a member of the California Association of Drinking Driver Treatment Programs (CADDTP). However, I have read their public comment and based on historic examples cited in their letter to you, I support their recommendations on this matter in terms of the potential negative impact such a transfer could have on DUI programs.

Based on facts provided to us by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) we know that "prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover". I hope the final decisions made will not dilute the importance of AOD services, nor will it impair our ability as a provider to deliver quality treatment, prevention, and recovery support services in a timely, effective manner.

On behalf of MAAP's clients and employees; I thank you for this opportunity to be a part of the solution set for this very challenging fiscal issue, which in reality is a public safety issue.

Respectfully,

Lorraine Rinker – CEO - MAAP, Inc.

cc: Mr. Michael Cunningham, Acting Director – CA Dept of Alcohol and Drug Programs

